

Simple Debate Format

Affirmative side (argues for a point) 5 minutes

Negative side (argues against a point) 5 minutes

Negative rebuttal (rebutts the affirmative) 1 minute

Affirmative rebuttal (rebutts the negative) 1 minute

When it is your team's turn to present you should:

Make your point(s)

Give meaningful examples

Share statistical data from reliable sources that will make your argument stronger

Use persuasive devices to convince the audience that your view point is correct

When the other team is presenting you should:

Listen carefully

Take notes on any points that you believe are weak or can be disputed

Rebuttal

State clearly the weaknesses you find in the other teams argument